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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003 Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Brad Nuremberg, Chair
Sandra Aronberg, Vice Chair
Richard Alexander
Douglas Drummond
John Hybarger

STAFF PRESENT

Gene Romig
Ken Wales

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bovard, Quail Unlimited, San Gabriel Valley Chapter
John Forgy, Quail Unlimited, San Gabriel Valley Chapter
Randolph Sharon, Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation
Steve Holl, Consultant – San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Richard Janson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nuremberg called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously approved the August 21, 2003 minutes.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Staff advised the Commission that the August 31, 2003 balance of \$109,917.04 does not reflect outstanding encumbrances of approximately \$17,800 leaving a remaining available balance of approximately \$92,117.04. **On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the Commission unanimously accepted the financial report.**

GRANT REQUEST FROM LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO FUND 2004 KIDS FISHING TRIPS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Randolph Sharon, Chairperson of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation, presented his organization's request for funds to cover the 2004 annual event sponsored by the Foundation. **On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Drummond, the Commission unanimously approved the grant request of \$2,500 for the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation's 2004 annual fishing event.**

REPORT FROM STEVE HOLL DESCRIBING THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO RESTORE THE SAN GABRIEL BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION.

Steve Holl provided an overview of his draft implementation strategy report. He asked Commissioners to review the report and respond back to him by October 10, 2003. It is the culmination of efforts between the California Department of Fish and Game, the National Forest Service and Mr. Holl to develop a strategy to restore the Bighorn Sheep population. Options available to carry out this program and alternate sources of income other than governmental funding were discussed. Mr. Holl emphasized the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep population is distinct and every effort should be made to restore the population.

Mr. Holl reported that the California Department of Fish and Game completed a capture/telemetry collar placement in Lytle Creek today, two more are scheduled in the fall and a mountain lion capture/telemetry collar placement is scheduled in the winter. Mr. Holl recommended the Commission draft a letter to Jody Cook, Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest recognizing Marty Dumpis, District Ranger, San Gabriel River District for his efforts in securing equipment to monitor bighorn sheep and mountain lion movement.

Mr. Holl will take comments from the San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy's Bighorn Sheep Roundtable to add to his final report expected completion in November 2003. Chairperson Nuremberg requested Mr. Holl avail himself for further consultation and thanked him for providing a detailed report on the condition of the San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep. **On motion of Commissioner Drummond, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing Steve Holl's report and drafting a letter to the National Forest Service recognizing Marty Dumpis' efforts in securing equipment to monitor Bighorn Sheep and mountain lion movement.**

DISCUSSION OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2003 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY'S BIGHORN SHEEP ROUNDTABLE

Steve Holl's report will be presented at the roundtable to motivate the Conservancy to provide financial support. Commissioner Hybarger will advise the Commission of any roundtable outcomes.

DISCUSSION OF A COMMISSION INTERNET WEBSITE

Staff advised the Commission that establishing a Commission website would cost between \$9,000 and \$12,000, but the Commission would be responsible for only up to \$6,000 and the Executive Office would absorb any additional cost. Staff also listed items that could be displayed on the website including the firearms closure map, the grant application, Commissioners' biographical information, study reports and events that the Commission has sponsored. Commissioners expressed concerns regarding the cost and effectiveness of the website. **Further discussion of this matter will be conducted at a future date.**

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

Chairperson Nuremberg requested a special meeting in December to review the final Bighorn Sheep implementation strategy report and the outcome of the roundtable.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Jansen advised the Commission that the Fred Hall Fishing Show will be in Long Beach on March 3, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.